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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PINT, RH

SUBJ: NKOMO REACTION TO SMITH ELECTION CALL

1. AT PRESS CONFERENCE AT LUSAKA AIRPORT ON JULY 19 FOLLOWING HIS ARRIVAL FROM DAR ES SALAAM, NKOMO GAVE HIS VIEWS ON SMITH'S ANNOUNCEMENT THAT HE WAS DISSOLVING PARLIAMENT AND CALLING FOR GENERAL ELECTIONS TO GIVE HIM A MANDATE FOR PROMOTING AN INTERNAL SETTLEMENT AND NEW CONSTITUTION.

2. NKOMO SAID SMITH'S DECISION TO HOLD ELECTIONS AUGUST 31 WAS A MEASURE TO "DECEIVE PEOPLE LIKE DR. OWEN AND THAT SORT" AND ADDED THAT SMITH ALSO WANTED TO CREATE CONDITIONS SO THAT SITHOLE COULD JOIN HIM. HE NOTED THAT "SMITH IS SMITH WHETHER HE IS SURROUNDED WITH DIFFERENT FELLOWS HE WILL STILL BE THE SAME SMITH AND IT DOES NOT MAKE ANY DIFFERENCE." NKOMO ALSO DISMISSED SMITH AS A "BANDIT" AND REJECTED ANY SUGGESTION THAT
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THE PATRIOTIC FRONT WOULD PARTICIPATE IN THE ELECTIONS IF ASKED TO DO SO.

3. COMMENTING ON AMERICAN PARTICIPATION IN WHAT HE CONSIDERS A BRITISH PROBLEM, NKOMO SAID, "I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHY THEY INVOLVE THEMSELVES IN THINGS WHICH DO NOT CONCERN THEM... HOW AND WHY THE AMERICANS HAVE COME INTO IT, I DON'T UNDER-

STAND. IT IS A MYSTERY TO US."

4. COMMENT: NOTABLE OMISSION FROM NKOMO PRESS CONFERENCE
IS ANY DIRECT REFERENCE TO FAILURE OR SETBACK OF ANGLO-
AMERICAN INITIATIVE. UNLIKE LOCAL PRESS EDITORIALS, NKOMO
APPARENTLY HAS NOT YET CLOSED DOORS ON WESTERN SPONSORED
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